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SUBJECT: TAJIKISTAN - ATTENDANCE AT UNGA

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¶1. (U) On July 8, per reftel, Post sent a request for information regarding Tajikistan's plans to send high-level officials to this year's United National General Assembly. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed Post by diplomatic note on July 14 that four Tajik officials plan to attend.

¶2. (SBU)

¶A. Attendance of the Head of State: President Emomali Rahmon does not plan to attend the 2009 UNGA.

¶B. Attendance of the Head of Government: President Rahmon also serves as head of Government.

¶C. Attendance of the Foreign Minister: The Foreign Minister plans to attend.

- Hamrokhon Zarifi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan

¶D. Attendance of other VIP's: Tajikistan's Permanent Representative to the UN and Tajikistan's Ambassador to the United States plan to attend.

- Sirojiddin Aslov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan to the United Nations

- Abdujabbor Shirinov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Tajikistan to the United States of America

¶E. Attendance of the Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs:

- Muzaffar Huseinov, Head of the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan

13. (SBU) The Ministry said it would provide details of scheduled dates of arrival and departure from the United States later. The Ministry did not provide information on plans for participation in the General Debate, spouses' plans for attendance, or need for translation or interpretation services. Post will report this information septel when it is available. However, all four of the officials listed above speak English.

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